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MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

February 2, 2016
10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairman John E. James, present
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, excused
Trustee Robert Williams, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present
Trustee Brandi McBride, present
Edwin Fore, present

Lindell Holm, *Director*
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*,
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

None

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Wood/Williams) to approve the Public Minutes, of January 5, 2016, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were no personal hearings conducted at the February 2, 2016 emergent need work session. A total of 20 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case RR-1 (Grand Traverse County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,200.00 for rent. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-2 (Leelanau County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,000.00 for an auto purchase. A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case RH-3 (Mackinac County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$6,472.00 for windows, doors and insulation. A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case RR-4 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,436.12 for water/sewer/garbage. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-5 (Ingham County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$923.12 for auto repairs. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-6 (Sanilac County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$4,365.50; for rent (\$4,000.00) and auto insurance (\$365.50). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-7 (Clinton County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$528.60 for electricity. A review of your request has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-8 (Oakland County)

MOVED TO MARCH

Case RH-9 (Schoolcraft County)

RESOLVED

Case RH-10 (Kalamazoo County)

PARTIAL

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for \$1,500 for a new furnace. The remaining \$1,435.00 will be paid through MiVHAP.

Case RO-11 (Monroe County)

RESOLVED

Case RH-12 (Monroe County)

WITHDRAWN

Case RM-13 (Kalamazoo County)

RESOLVED

Case RC-14 (Mecosta County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$5,940.00 for a new boiler. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-15 (Shiawassee County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$12,525.00 for a new roof. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-16 (Huron County)

HURON

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,281.00 for floor repairs. A review of your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged and that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-17 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,310.00 for rent. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-18 (Macomb County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,786.20 for 2013 property taxes. You were found to be ineligible for an emergency grant because the Veterans Trust Fund policies align with Federal VA policies which states Initial training/Active duty training does not count towards the required 180 days of wartime service.

Case RH-19 (Dickinson County)

MOVED TO MARCH

Case RH-20 (Crawford County)

APPROVED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for \$4,950.00 for a new well.

A MOTION (Wood/Fore) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials that were made in the closed session, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was 2/20 for **\$6,450.00**. Approved 0/6 Appeals for **(\$0.00)**, 2/7 Review/Housing for **(\$6,450.00)**, 0/1 Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, 0/1 Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, 0/4 Review/Repetitive for **(\$0.00)** and 0/1 Review/Other for **(\$0.00)**.

Accounting Report

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

COMMITTEE	AMOUNT INVOLVED	DESCRIPTION OF ERROR	RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION
None			

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Williams/Wood) to accept the following appointment and re-appointment passed and carried.

The American Legion recommends the following new appointment:

Name	County	Term of Service
William Brunell	Iron	12-31-2018

The DAV recommends the following new appointments:

Name	County	Term of Service
Theodore Sirotko	Muskegon	12-31-2019

The VVA recommends the following new appointments:

Name	County	Term of Service
Larry Mills	Wayne	12-31-2018

The VVA recommends the following reappointments:

Name	County	Term of Service
Michael Prohaska	Arenac	12-31-2018
Marvin Ketola	Luce	12-31-2017

Recommendation of the following Independent reappointment:

Name	County	Term of Service
Thomas Nolan Glass	St. Joseph	12-31-2018
Gary Bourdeau	Washtenaw	12-31-2018

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Director Holm received permission to send a letter to County offices, County Committees and VSO's explaining the Regional Model and the projected starting date.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Williams attended the VFW Mid-Winter Conference January 29th thru January 31st. Trustee Williams discussed the pilot program and everyone seemed agreeable that certain counties were being tested before the state adopted the regional model.

Trustee Wood will be attending the American Legion Winter Conference on February 12, 2016

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm attended the MCL Winter Conference on Friday, January 29th in Mt. Pleasant.

Director Holm discussed holding an open house at the capital this fall for the 70th anniversary of the Trust Fund.

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None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 am

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date